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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

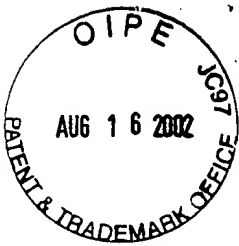
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Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please delete Claims 1-16 and add new Claims 17-36 as follows. The claims are also attached in a separate document.

--17. A method for transmitting an e-mail message comprising the steps of:  
receiving the e-mail message at an intermediate address, the e-mail message including non-preferred e-mail address data;  
parsing the non-preferred e-mail address data from the e-mail message at the intermediate address and determining if there is preferred e-mail address data associated with the non-preferred e-mail address data; and

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